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SUBJECT: ERDA/BMFT AGREEMENT IN FIELD OF GAS-COOLED
REACTORS (GCR)

REF: A. BONN 21512. B. PARIS 37852. C. DRAFT ERDA/BMFT
GCR AGREEMENT DTD 11/18/76.

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1. REFTELS A AND B REPORT FRENCH DESIRE TO AMEND SUBJECT
AGREEMENT, REF C, TO MAKE FRENCH CEA ONE OF PARTIES,
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TOGETHER WITH ERDA AND BMFT.

2. NEGOTIATION OF SUBJECT ERDA/BMFT GCR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
IN PROGRESS OVER ONE YEAR. AS NOTED PARA 2 REFTEL A,
PROPOSED CEA AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 1 WOULD CERTAINLY
CREATE ASYMMETRY WITH RESPECT TO INTERESTS OF PARTIES TO
AGREEMENT. FURTHER, ATTAINMENT OF REASONABLE BALANCE AMONG

THREE PARTIES TO AGREEMENT CONSIDERED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN SCOPE AND FUNDING
OF GCR PROGRAMS OF THREE PARTIES INVOLVED.

3. EMBASSY BONN SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATION
OF PROPOSED ERDA/CEA UMBRELLA NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, WITH
LMFBR, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND HTGR PROTOCOLS, WAS DEFERRED

FOLLOWING VISIT TO ERDA HQ BY CEA ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL
GIRAUD, NOVEMBER 16, WHEN IT WAS AGREED THAT ONLY A
CEA/ERDA LMFBR AGREEMENT LIMITED IN SCOPE TO AREAS OF
REACTOR PHYSICS AND SAFETY COULD BE NEGOTIATED AT THIS
TIME.

4. ERDA AND BMFT UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN AGREEMENT WITH
DRAFT VERSION, REF C. IF CEA WERE TO BE ADMITTED AT THIS
TIME AS A PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT, PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS
WOULD BE ANTICIPATED.

5. PARA 4 OF ARTICLE 4 OF DRAFT VERSION, REF C, CONTAINS
PROVISION THAT BMFT AND ERDA AGREE THAT FRENCH CEA HAS
OPTION TO JOIN SUBJECT AGREEMENT ON TERMS TO BE AGREED
BY THE PARTIES, THAT IS, BY ERDA AND BMFT.

6. FOR ABOVE REASONS, ERDA FEELS STRONGLY THAT SUBJECT
AGREEMENT, REF C, SHOULD BE EXECUTED WITHOUT DELAY
BETWEEN ERDA AND BMFT, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT NEGO-
TIATIONS WITH CEA BEGIN AS SOON AS AGREEMENT HAS ENTERED
INTO FORCE.

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7. PENDING CEA BEING ADMITTED AS THIRD PARTY TO AGREE-
MENT, ERDA NOT OPPOSED TO CEA OBSERVERS ATTENDING MEETINGS
OF JOINT ERDA/BMFT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD
OF GAS-COOLED REACTORS. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED
SIDE LETTER TO ERDA/BMFT GCR AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE
PRESENTED BY EMBASSY TO BMFT AT TIME OF EXECUTION OF AGREE-
MENT. QUOTE REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN THE
FIELD OF GAS-COOLED REACTOR CONCEPTS AND TECHNOLOGY,
EXECUTED (DATE). WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRENCH CEA PARTICIPATION IN THE AGREE-
MENT, AND WE BELIEVE THAT RELATED NEGOTIATIONS AMONG ERDA,
BMFT AND CEA SHOULD BE INITIATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IN THE MEANTIME, IN ANTICIPATION OF CEA BECOMING A PARTY
TO THE AGREEMENT, WE WOULD ENDORSE INVITING CEA OBSERVERS
TO ATTEND BMFT/ERDA JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS THAT ARE

DIRECTED TOWARD FURTHER DELINIATION OF COOPERATIVE
ENDEAVORS UNDER THE AGREEMENT UNQUOTE.

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8. MOREOVER, IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT'S POLICY DECISION OF
OCTOBER 28, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECOND SIDE LETTER TO BE
PRESENTED BY EMBASSY TO BMFT AT TIME OF SIGNING AGREEMENT
QUOTE REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN THE FIELD
OF GAS-COOLED REACTOR CONCEPTS AND TECHNOLOGY, EXECUTED
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THIS AGREEMENT WILL LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY
AND APPROACHES WHICH SUPPORT THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION
OBJECTIVES ENUNCIATED IN THE STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES ON NUCLEAR POLICY DATED OCTOBER 28,
1976.

THE UNITED STATES ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION FURTHER CONVEYS ITS HOPE THAT COOPERATION
UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES WHICH WILL FOSTER THE APPLI-
CATION OF EFFECTIVE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS
TO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTED IN CONSEQUENCE OF THIS
AGREEMENT.

AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE
UNITED STATES ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION INTENDS ACTIVELY TO SEEK MUTUAL EXPLOR-
ATION BY THE PARTIES OF SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL APPROACHES
IN GAS-COOLED REACTOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH APPEAR TO OFFER
PROMISE IN LESSENING NONPROLIFERATION CONCERNS. SOME
APPROACHES IN THIS REGARD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED DURING
PAST TECHNICAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, INCLUDING
A PROPOSAL TO EVALUATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HTGR SYSTEMS
USING URANIUM WITH AN ENRICHMENT LEVEL BELOW 93 PERCENT.
IT IS THE INTENT OF THE UNITED STATES ENERGY RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO INCLUDE THIS TOPIC ON
THE AGENDA OF THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE PARTIES IN
IMPLEMENTING THIS AGREEMENT UNQUOTE.

9. REGARDING SUBJECT LINE OF REFTEL A, USE OF TERM QUOTE
FRG/U.S. AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION UNQUOTE COULD BE OPEN

TO MISINTERPRETATION. SUBJECT AGREEMENT CONSIDERED TO BE

QUOTE TECHNICAL EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENT UNQUOTE BETWEEN TWO
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GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES RATHER THAN QUOTE AGREEMENT FOR
COOPERATION UNQUOTE AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL.
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